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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Realignment of CHALICE Assets

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for approval of the Deputy Director (Plans). Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 4.

2. Based on recent guidance relative to the general future of CHALICE a brief concept has been developed. This calls for expeditious phase-out of "B" Detachment and initially the consolidation of all CHALICE assets at Edwards. From this an aggressive training program will be implemented to regain first, an immediate world-wide staging capability and then the assembly, training and deployment of a unit for [] and finally the assembly and training of a unit for deployment to a []

a. Edwards Detachment: (To be operational by 15 September.) The primary mission of this Detachment will be to attain and sustain a ready capability to conduct photographic and [] reconnaissance from forward staging bases any where in the world. This unit will also be responsible for training personnel, conducting research and development tests, and providing trained personnel to permanent or temporary detachments. It will be composed of [] permanent personnel (including [] pilots), [] aircraft [] J-75's and [] J-57), and necessary support and special equipment.

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3. [] J-75 aircraft will be modified for in-flight refueling. Of these, [] will be scheduled as soon as possible and [] will follow at a later date. The [] modified aircraft will be assigned to the Edwards detachment. Assignment of [] will be determined at a later date. 25X1A In addition, the [] J-75's of the Edwards detachment will be modified for in-flight recall capability.

4. Recommend approval of:

a. Scheduled assignment of aircraft.

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b. Permanent manpower spaces for Edwards and []

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c. Manpower spaces required through the training phase for the []

d. IFR and recall modification for [] J-75 aircraft. 25X1A

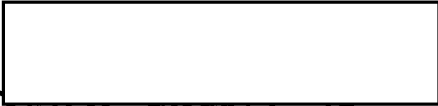
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Recommendations contained in paragraph 4 approved.

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